--- “Series of 1883” - 100 Cigars - lithographed in GREEN ink - 455 x 22 mm. ---

The catalogue lists the lithographed green one hundred cigar “Series of 1883” as follows:

--- three beavers *with* foliage - with the “Montreal” imprint ---

RG-293(L) - 100 cigars, green, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. Ottawa blue controls

--- three beavers *without* foliage - with the “Montreal” imprint ---

RG-296(L) - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. Montreal blue controls
RG-298(L) - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. Ottawa blue controls

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4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay records the delivery of 32,170 *lithographed* copies of “100 Green Cigars”.

5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) John McKay records the delivery of 50,830 *lithographed* copies of “100 Green Cigars”.

5th ABN Supplement (1897-1898) John McKay records the delivery’ of 23,211 *lithographed* copies of “100 Green Cigars”.

These latter strips had been previously printed and had remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

4th BABN Contract	32,170 lithographed	**000001** to **032170** - **RG-293(L)**
5th BABN Contract	50,830 lithographed	**032171** to **083000** - **RG-296-298(L)**
5th BABN Supplement	23,211 lithographed	**083001** to **106211** - **RG-296-298(L)**
	106,211	

The “Series of 1883” stamps and strips occur with 4 mm. purple Gothic control numbering. I feel that these were prepared for a Philatelic Exhibition held in the mid-1880’s. These are not a part of any production control sequence.

★**RG-293(L) SP** - 100 cigars, green, 1883 cigar strip, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **94104**
Three beavers *with foliage* - scanned at 35% and 100% scale

--- “Series of 1883” - 100 Cigars - GREEN - 455 x 22 mm. - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. Ottawa blue controls - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- RG-293(L) - perforated 12 - three beavers *with foliage* - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint ---

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The catalogue lists these lithographed green one hundred cigar “Series of 1883” strips as follows:

RG-293(L) - 100 cigars, green, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. Ottawa blue controls

Under the terms of the **4th BABN Contract** of 1886, BABN in 1887 re-opened their production facility in Ottawa. This initial batch, **RG-296(L)**, of green one hundred cigar stamps (using the original “three beavers plus foliage” plates) was control numbered in Ottawa and thus given 5 mm. control numbers. The next batch, **RG-296(L)** (using the revised “three beavers *without* foliage” plates) was lithographed in Montreal on vertical mesh wove, and was given 4 mm. control numbers before shipping.

★**RG-293(L)** - 100 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on *horizontal* mesh wove, with 5 mm. control number **000200**, using the initial ‘three beavers *with foliage*’ - with the Montreal imprint

000189	RG-293(L)	100 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
000200★	RG-293(L)	100 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
001315	RG-293(L)	100 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 5 - 17**

★**RG-293(L)n** - 100 cigars, green, perforated 12, without control numbering, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, three beavers *with foliage* - the initial ‘beaver’ design prepared for the **3rd BABN Contract** of 1878

--- “Series of 1883” - 100 Cigars - GREEN - 455 x 22 mm. - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- lithographed on vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal blue controls - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- RG-296(L) - *coarse roulette* - three beavers *without foliage* - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint ---

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The catalogue lists these lithographed green one hundred cigar “Series of 1883” strips as follows:

RG-296(L) - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. Montreal blue controls
RG-298(L) - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. Ottawa blue controls

★**RG-296(L) CP** - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **023931**, three beavers *without foliage* - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

023909	RG-296(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
023917	RG-296(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
023931★	RG-296(L) CP	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - suspect

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--- for the 3rd BABN Contract - 1878 - scanned at 150% scale ---

three beavers *with foliage*

--- for the 4th BABN Contract - 1886 - scanned at 150% scale ---

three beavers *without foliage*

--- for the 5th BABN Contract - 1892 - scanned at 150% scale ---

a single beaver *without foliage*

--- “Series of 1883” - 100 Cigars - GREEN - 455 x 22 mm. - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm Ottawa blue controls - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- RG-298(L) - *coarse roulette* - three beavers *without foliage* - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint ---

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The catalogue lists these lithographed green one hundred cigar “Series of 1883” strips as follows:

RG-296(L) - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. Montreal blue controls
RG-298(L) - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. Ottawa blue controls

★**RG-298(L)** - 100 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *lithographed* on a poor grade horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. control **058119**, three beavers *without foliage* - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint

058107	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058119★	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058147★	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058171	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058189	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058199	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058220	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058283★	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058348★	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058362★	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058399	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058489	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper
058498	RG-298(L)	100 cigars, green, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on poor quality yellowed *horizontal* mesh wove paper

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